

What We've Accomplished Together



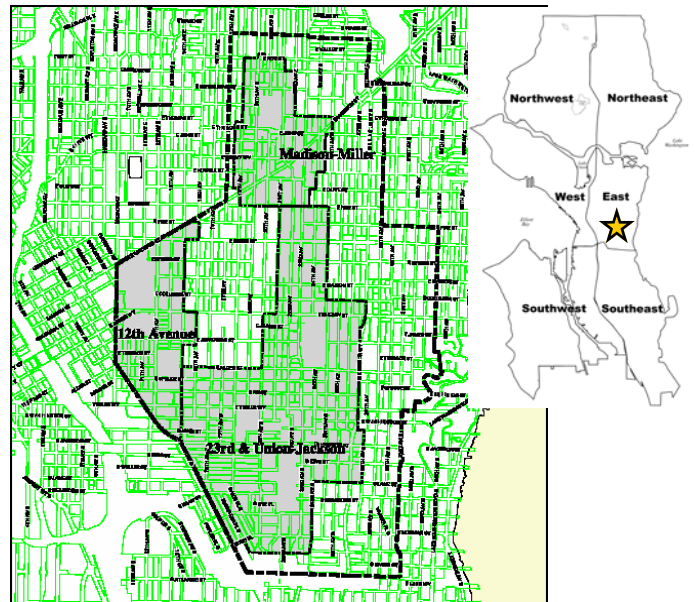
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Neighborhood:
Central Area-23rd & Jackson

Plan Adopted: 1998

Key Elements:

1. Increase residential density
2. Encourage a mixed-use, pedestrian oriented urban village
3. Improve existing open space
4. Develop organizational and new financial capacity to stimulate economic development



Central Area-23rd & Jackson
East Sector

What happened in 2002

- **Welch Hardware Site Project** - The Central Area Development Association launched a revised project on 23rd and Jackson, including three buildings with 158 units of housing built over storefront commercial space. Groundbreaking for the project was November 2002.
- **Flo Ware Park** - The Leschi Community Council received a \$250,000 award from the Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund to develop the first phase of the Flo Ware Park improvements as stipulated by the Master Plan completed in 2001. The Community Council then was awarded a Neighborhood Matching Fund. Flo Ware Park was the host site for a Pro Parks Levy Opportunity Fund Celebration on a crisp and sunny October morning. See - <http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/parks/proparks/projects/floware.htm>, for more details.
- **Judkins Park** - Construction of Phase Two of Judkins Park improvements continued through the second half of 2002. Improvements include rehabilitating the middle section of the park, with the parking lot size decreased and improved functionally for festival use, installing a small stage for minor organized activities, improving paths and lights, and planting trees.
- **Douglass-Truth Library** - Under the Libraries for All bond, the Douglass-Truth library is being expanded from 8,000 square feet to 15,000. It will have a new children's area and more room for the City's African-American collection. The project was presented to the Landmarks Preservation Board Architectural Review Committee (ARC) in fall 2002 to favorable comment.

What's Underway In 2003

- **Business District Revitalization** - The Office for Economic Development is working on strategies to support the economic revitalization of the Central Area, with a concentration on 23rd Ave from Madison to Jackson St. Strategies include strengthening community-based organizations, reinvigorating the façade improvement program, addressing public safety concerns and expanding job opportunities for Central Area residents.
- **Judkins Park**— Most of Judkins Park will re-open in summer 2003; the soccer field will reopen Spring 2004.
- **FloWare Park**— improvements to rebuild Flo Ware Park into a safe neighborhood playground and community gathering place begin construction this spring. This \$465,000 project is funded by the Pro Parks Levy, Neighborhood Matching Fund, King County, and private donations.
- **Repavement and crosswalk upgrades at 23rd & Jackson**—Construction will begin in 2003.
- **Pedestrian improvements** - A new curb bulb is slated for 23rd and Main and new Pedestrian Safety Lighting will be added on 23rd between Cherry and Spring Street.
- **Douglass-Truth Library**—The community attended an open house in June to see the updated design of the expansion of the Douglass-Truth library. For more information, visit <http://www.spl.org/neighborhoodlibs/douglass/dthstatus.html>



*Welch Hardware Project
23rd and Jackson*

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